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1. RE EXPLANATION GIVEN PARA 2 REFTEL (B), MISOFF SOUGHT CLARIFICATION FROM JAPANESE UN MISOFF AKASHI ON SUBJECTS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER ITEM "ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS". ACCORDING TO AKASHI, ITEM ON US AGENDA GIVEN TO GOJ WAS "ACABQ," BUT THEY WANT TO BROADEN ITEM TO HAVE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF UN ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS, IN PART REFLECTING INCREASED GOJ INTEREST IN THIS AREA OF ACTIVITY. HOPE IS THAT THROUGH THIS EXCHANGE BOTH GOJ AND USG WILL AGREE TO GIVE GREATER ATTENTION TO THESE MATTERS AND TO CONSULT MORE FREQUENTLY, IN PARTICULAR AT HIGHER LEVELS. AKASHI ADDED THAT FIRST DAY OF DISCUSSION WOULD BE DEVOTED TO ADMINIS- TRAVIE/BUDGETARY AND OTHER MATTERS, WITH SECOND DAY PLANNED FOR POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

2. QUESTION OF "FRENCH PROPOSAL" TO CONTROL PROGRAM BUDGETS OF UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IS LIKELY TO COME UP SINCE OKAWA (DIRGEN UN AFFAIRS BUREAU IN FOREIGN MINISTRY) HEADED JAPANESE DEL TO RECENT GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MTG AND HAS PERSONAL INTEREST IN PROPOSAL. IF QUESTION IS CONFIDENTIAL

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RAISED BY JAPANESE, AKASHI BELIEVES THEY WILL ASK FOR US VIEWS.

ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, AKASHI ADDED THAT GOJ UN NY MISSION HAD CAUTIONED TOKYO AGAINST FRENCH PROPOSAL, BUT HOW JAPANESE WILL PLAY THIS SUBJECT DURING BILATERALS IS UNKNOWN TO NY MISSION.

3. JAPANESE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING RECENT PROLIFERATION OF NEW UN BODIES, WITH SUBJECT LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED WITHIN CONTEXT OF ACTIVITIES OF AD HOC COMITE ON RESTRUCTURING. JAPANESE BELIEVE THAT CONCERTED EFFORT MUST BE MADE, ESPECIALLY BY MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS, TO CHECK SUCH PROLIFERATION, WHICH CAN BE NOT ONLY DETRIMENTAL TO EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF UN BUT ALSO HAS SERIOUS BUDGETARY IMPACT THAT OFTEN TIMES IS OVERLOOKED. JAPANESE HOPE THAT GOJ - USG DISCUSSIONS CAN RESULT IN SOME TYPE OF AGREEMENT FOR JOINT ATTACK ON PROBLEM.

4. QUESTION OF PERSONNEL GROWTH IN UN SECRETARIT, ACCORDING TO AKASHI, IS CONSIDERED BY GOJ TO BE SERIOUS PROBLEM, IN PARTICULAR ITS IMPACT ON GROWTH AND SIZE OF BIENNIAL PROGRAM BUDGET. JAPANESE CAN BE EXPECTED, THEREFORE, TO QUERY US ON WHAT STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO CONTROL SUCH GROWTH SINCE LARGEST EXPENDITURE IN UN IS FOR PERSONNEL COSTS.

5. RE DEMARCHE TO SYG WALDHEIM BY "BIG FIVE" MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS, JAPANESE MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF THEIR DEMARCHE, EXPECTED PRIOR TO BILATERAL TALKS, WITH US. IN AN ASIDE, AKASHI EXPRESSED PREFERENCE OF HIS DEL THAT USG DEMARCHE TO WALDHEIM BE LAST OF SERIES, SINCE JAPANESE BELIEVE THAT OUR BEING LAST IS LIKELY TO HAVE GREATER IMPACT ON SYG. FYI. USUN IS CONSULTING CONTINUOUSLY WITH JAPANESE DEL HERE ON THIS SUBJECT AND WILL KEEP THEM ABREAST OF TIMING AND SUBSTANCE OF OUR DEMARCHE. END FYI.

6. AKASHI DOES NOT BELIEVE QUESTION OF COMITE OF 54 ON UN FINANCIAL SITUATION WILL BE RAISED BY GOJ REPS, BUT ASKED MISOFF WHETHER US INTENDED TO BRING UP SUBJECT. MISOFF REPLIED IN NEGATIVE, ADDING THAT IF SUBJECT RAISED, HE EXPECTED THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS
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TO DATE AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

7. AKASHI EMPHASIZED TO MISOFF THAT ABOVE REFLECTED KNOWLEDGE HIS MISSION HAD ABOUT UPCOMING BILATERAL TALKS, BUT SINCE TOKYO IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR AND HANDLING DISCUSSIONS, HE COULD NOT BE CERTAIN OF HOW DISCUSSIONS MIGHT PROCEED. AKASHI EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT JAPANESE MISSION NY HAD URGED TOKYO TO INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE

AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS ON AGENDA OF DISCUSSIONS AND THAT
THEY EXPECTED PRIOR TO MTG TO BE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFO
BY TOKYO. AKASHI OFFERED TO SHARE WITH USUN ANY
ADDITIONAL INFO RECEIVED AND MISOFF SAID HE WOULD DO LIKE-
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